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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 20, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I which includes claims 1-10 and 12-22. Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 11 and 23 (Group II) and claim 24 (Group III) without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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